



## **PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, Arizona 85012

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

The Public Policy Standing Committee meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the ADDPC Office, 3839 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC.

<b>Members Present</b>	
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Larry Wanger, Chairperson, Telephone

Scott Lindbloom, Telephone

George Garcia, Telephone

Jason Snead, Telephone

Katharine Levandowsky, Telephone

Jamie Edgin, Telephone

<b>Members Absent</b>
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Janna Murrell

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Guests</b>
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Erica McFadden, Executive Director

Marcella Crane, Staff

#### **A. Call to Order/Welcome**

Chairperson Larry Wanger welcomed everyone to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC or Council) Public Policy Standing Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. Roll call and participant introductions were completed.

#### **B. Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the June 13, 2017 Public Policy Standing Committee were reviewed. A motion was made by Kathy Levandowsky to approve the minutes; Scott Lindbloom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **C. Federal Legislative Updates**

Larry Wanger and members of the committee discussed two federal pieces of legislation that will have an impact on persons with I/DD and other vulnerable populations. Congress has once again vowed to repeal and replace the Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA) with the Graham Cassidy Heller Johnson Bill. They only need 50 votes in the Senate to pass the bill, due to senate rules, and Republican leaders believe they are close to having the votes to pass the bill where it is assured to pass the House and ready for the President's signature by September 30<sup>th</sup>. One Senate hearing is expected next week, however there has not been a review by the Congressional Budget Office to show the impact of people losing coverage or the costs. This bill will still have significant cuts to current recipients that currently have health care coverage and to recipients under Medicaid, by block granting these dollars back to the states. In Arizona, full repeal of the ACA will devastate low income seniors, children, and people with disabilities that rely on Medicaid to provide basic and long term care. Medicaid helps approximately 1.7 million Arizonans receive comprehensive and affordable health care coverage. Of that number, 805,000 are children, 121,000 are seniors that rely on it to cover nursing or homecare services to help them live at home, and 176,000 are people with disabilities that need access to critical care that helps them live as independently as possible. If the bill passes, the burden of costs will shift to the States thereby making it harder to cover these groups and resulting in capping Medicaid services. Given that states must balance their budgets, cutting Medicaid will force Arizona legislators to cut other services, like public safety or education, propose increase in taxes or institute waiting lists, or cut basic coverage for our most vulnerable populations.

Larry Wanger also discussed the House Resolution 620, ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017, which is to amend the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. The bill is promote compliance through education, to clarify the requirements for demand letters, to provide for a notice and cure period before the commencement of a private civil action and other provisions. Business who receive an ADA complaint will have 60 days to respond to the complaint and 120 to fix the problem, which places an undue burden for persons with a physical or I/DD disability. There is widespread support for this bill and it is expected to pass the House. It was mentioned that the Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL) conducts training and technical assistance on how Arizona businesses can comply with federal and state ADA laws.

Larry Wanger and committee members stressed to get the word out to the advocacy groups who are urged to contact their member of Congress. Along with other agencies, the ADDPC is posting information on social media and can share additional resources or talking points; and if committee members have information to share about any federal bill to contact Erica.

One last federal update that Erica McFadden informed the committee members is the national Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) healthcare coverage for children under the age of 18, if their families do not qualify for Medicaid. Each state offers CHIP coverage, and works closely with its state Medicaid program. In Arizona, CHIP is known as KidsCare is administered by AHCCCS. Due to the uncertainty in Congress, if federal matching dollars are reduced, Arizona will freeze enrollment in the program.

#### **D. SILC Community Leadership Classes**

Larry Wanger discussed SILC's Community Leadership Classes that are part of his work plan and taking place in these communities with the assistance by the independent living centers. The classes are geared to train persons with I/DD on advocacy and leadership skill development. Communities include Yuma/Parker, Phoenix, Prescott/Prescott Valley, Tucson, Kingman/Lake Havasu City, and Tuba City on the Navajo Reservation. A minimum of four classes each year will be conducted until the end of the project in 2019 for persons with I/DD who are 18 and older can sign up. SILC is finalizing a website to go live for those that are interested for advocacy training.

Erica stated that in our 2018 ADDPC Work Plan, SILC training to promote advocacy and leadership development aligns perfectly with the Councils mandate to support self-advocacy and in the future, there will be more discussion and opportunities for collaboration.

#### **E. 2018 Work Plan – Self Advocacy Goal**

Marcella Crane provided an overview of the Self-Advocacy Goal, Objectives and key activities that will take place in the FFY 2018. The full Council will discuss and vote to approve the 2018 Work plan at Friday's Council meeting. The Work Plan is living document and will guide staff and council members on what specific activities will occur throughout the year, which activities will have funding tied to them, list out collaborators, and outputs/outcomes per AIDD. Updates on the status of the work will be provided to the Council on an ongoing basis. No additional changes were provided by the committee members.

#### **F. Input on ADA Survey**

Erica McFadden shared a draft of the ADA Survey that is currently part of the 2017 Work Plan Under Objective 2, Self-Advocacy. The purpose of the brief survey is to collect information from the State's 91 municipalities if they have an ADA Coordinator, and if there is mayor's commission on disability. Committee members stated additional information to find out is to see if communities have an approved transition plan and if the community tracks complaints and makes those public.

Scott Lindbloom has been actively involved in this issue in ShowLow/Springerville area and has been successful in creating a collaborative partnership with other community stakeholders to address disability issues, such as lack of transportation and ADA concerns to facilities and buildings. Due to Scott's persuasion efforts, Congressman Tom O'Halloran's office is part of the Disability Advisory Committee. Scott will keep the Council informed on his efforts.

Jason Snead stated he would provide information to Erica on the U.S. Department of Justice's ADA webpage. Information and resources are also found there.

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**G. Committee Member Updates**

Voter Registration by the Arizona Disability Law Center and other stakeholders will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at Ability 360. No other updates were provided.

**H. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George Garcia; Motion was seconded by Scott Lindbloom. The motion carried; the meeting adjourned at 11:15AM.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017  
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council